REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment claims 43-80 have been cancelled. Claim 1 is independent.

The cancellation of claims 43-80 is without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Such claims may in the future be presented in a related continuing application.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be owed in connection with this Preliminary

Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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